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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application:

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Inventor : Geoffrey B. Rhoads

Title: Computer System Linked by Using
Information in Data Objects

Art Group: 2721

Examiner: Couso, J

Docket: EWG-082-

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Letter to Examiner

Responsive to Office Action Dated 06/24/99

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

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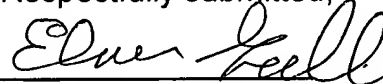
1) The office action indicates that the office action is responsive to a request for a CPA that was filed May 24, 1999. Applicant notes that the request for a CPA was in fact filed on April 30, 1999. Clarification of this matter is respectfully requested. A copy of applicant's certification that the CPA was transmitted by fax on April 30, 1999 is attached hereto as Attachment A.

2) An information Disclosure Statement was filed on April 30, 1999. A copy is attached as Attachment B. Applicant has not received any indication that the references cited in this Information Disclosure Document have been considered. Applicant respectfully requests an indication from the examiner that the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 30, 1999 have been considered by the examiner.

3) The office action indicates that no appendices are present in the application. Applicant notes that when the application was filed in 1996, an appendix consisting of one thousand seventy seven pages (1077 pages) was submitted. Attached hereto as Attachment C is a copy of the original transmittal letter showing that the appendices were submitted. Would the examiner like the applicant to reconstruct the original file?

4) Applicant notes that the examiner requested for a new page 1 of the application "with all of the information filled in for both the continuation applications data and the related applications data". Applicant respectfully requests clarification of this request. Applicant suggests that it would be better to merely file an amendment which cancels the entire present paragraph entitled "Related Application Data" and substitute a new paragraph with all of the appropriate data? Would such an amendment satisfy the examiner's request?

Respectfully submitted,



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